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1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1 pm

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1. TERRY GREEDY	1. BRETT HUGHES
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10. PEDRO RICOY	11. GRANT LEE
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12. ROY COTTON	13. TOM MC CULLOCH
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Welcome Sydney City!

We extend a warm welcome to Sydney City - to the officials, players and coaching staff - we welcome them here to St.George today for this crucial game of ours, which will definitely influence both team's position at the finish and this not only applies to our first team, but to the Youth Team as well.

Eddie Thomson and his team had the upper hand on us in the last two years, since the league is in the two divisions. Thank God, we will go back to the original format of the N.S.L. where we have been the success story of the 1982 and 1983 competition, winning against them in the grand final and finishing ahead of them in 1983.

Since then we have had only one win with four defeats against Sydney City and the last one was a disaster. The 7-0 defeat is still haunting us, but since that result in the 10th round, we have picked ourselves up and we have lost only two games out of the next ten.

At the moment we two teams are the most successful, having an exceptional run. Sydney City has eleven points out of the last six games and the Saints have nine out of ten.

As a result of that kind of good run, Sydney City occupies second place and St.George is in joint 3rd position with Marconi and Sydney Olympic, with equal points only one less than Sydney City. With 23 points out of twenty rounds St.George can't miss the cut-off, only in absolutely unrealisting circumstances which would be equal to the "Fine Cotton" rigging. Having that problem behind us, hopefully we can make the first five and stay in the big time of the Grand Final.

This time the two teams will have a different outlook, because we have in our team David Ratcliffe the Captain, and they will miss John Kosmina because their Captain will serve an automatic suspension because of yellow cards. It willl be an interesting duel. Especially between the youngest forward lines - with a special spice being served by former Sydney City player Graeme Fletcher who will probably die to prove Eddie Thomson wrong in putting him on the market. Furthermore it will be interesting to see how the two hard fighters in midfield, Murray Barnes and Craig Moffitt will handle each other. And is Pedro Ricoy already good enough to outplay the "Australian Platini" Joe Watson? In the past we never had a tough enough centreforward to combat with Steve O'Connor and Alex Robertson but this time we feel that Andy Koczka is the right man to take and give out anything We also need a big game from Terry Greedy and the back five to handle successfully the onslaught of Frank Farina and Company.

ST.GEORGE YOUTH TEAM

Our Youth Team is in third place at the moment with a point advantage in front of Sydney City, who have a game in hand and probably a win would seal their place in the first four for our kids.

The Saints have been playing great soccer in the past few games - a 4-0 win over Blacktown and 8-1 against Inter-Monaro. Sydney City shows some great touch winning 5-0 when away to Canberra but losing to AIS 2-0 and showing that they are vunerable and just to remind you we were jubilant in our last game at the Athletic Field.

THE SPRING LEAGUE TABLE

1.	SYD.CROATIA	9	5	2	2	17	8	12
2.	ST.GEORGE	9	5	2	2	14	9	12
3.	SYD.CITY	9	5	2	2	14	10	12
4.	NEWCASTLE	9	5	1	3	19	14	11
5.	MARCONI	9	3	4	2	14	8	10
6.	A.P.I.A	9	4	2	3	7	7	10
7.	BLACKTOWN CITY	9	4	1	4	11	17	9
8.	CANBERRA	9	3	2	4	12	10	8
9.	INTER MONARO	9	2	4	3	10	13	8
10.	SYD.OLYMPIC	9	2	3	4	7	11	7
11.	WOLLONGONG	9	2	1	6	11	18	5
12.	CANTERBURY	9	0	4	5	4	16	4

Since we stabilised our first team our results are much better which is proven by the above "Spring" table of the second part of the competition. We share first place with Sydney Croatia over this second half.

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NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	12	4	4	37	16	28
Sydney City	8	8	4	36	23	24
Marcóni	8	7	5	32	21	23
Sydney Olympic	7	9	4	30	22	23
St George	9	5	6	29	28	23
Newcastle	8	6	6	34	31	22
Leichhardt	7	6	7	20	23	20
Blacktown City	8	4	8	24	33	20
Wollongong	7	5	8	23	25	19
Canberra	5	6	9	21	23	16
Canterbury	2	7	11	17	35	11
Monaro	3	5	12	16	39	11

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	22	20	1	1	104	11	41
Blacktown	22	13	5	4	47	37	31
St George	22	13	3	6	67	36	29
Sydney City	21	13	2	6	46	22	28
Canberra	22	12	3	7	50	46	27
Marconi	21	11	3	7	40	33	25
APIA	22	8	5	9	37	36	21
Sydney Olympic	21	7	7	7	31	38	21
Wollongong	21	7	3	11	33	50	17
Croatia	22	4	5	13	24	46	13
Newcastle	22	3	5	14	20	50	11
Canterbury	22	3	4	15	20	58	10
Inter-Monaro	22	2	4	16	17	73	8

Next Week

St. George are away to Newcastle on Saturday or Sunday (to be announced).

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